

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (Original) A plurality of micron-size solid particles, comprising at least one polyamide compound, wherein the particles comprise a diameter in the range of about 1 micron to about 1000 microns, and wherein at least some of the plurality of particles are substantially transparent.
2. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 1, wherein the at least one polyamide compound comprises a -CONH functional group.
3. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 2, wherein the at least one polyamide compound comprises a nylon compound.
4. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 3, wherein the nylon compound comprises nylon 6.
5. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 1, wherein the particles comprise a diameter of less than about 200 microns.
6. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 1, wherein at least about 40% of the particles are substantially transparent.
7. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 6, wherein at least about 60% of the particles are substantially transparent.
8. The plurality of particles of claim 7, wherein at least about 80% of the particles are substantially transparent.
9. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 1, wherein at least some of the transparent particles comprise at least one inert nucleating particle.
10. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 9, wherein the at least one inert particle comprises at least one alumina-silicate compound.
11. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 9, wherein the at least one inert particle

comprises at least one color pigment.

Claims 12-26: Canceled.

27. (Original) A plurality of micron-size solid particles, comprising at least one polyamide compound, wherein the particles comprise a diameter of less than about 4 microns.
28. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 27, wherein the at least one polyamide compound comprises a –CONH functional group.
29. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 28, wherein the at least one polyamide compound comprises a nylon compound.
30. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 29, wherein the nylon compound comprises nylon 6.
31. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 27, wherein the particles comprise a diameter of less than about 2 microns.
32. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 27, wherein at least about 40% of the particles are substantially transparent.
33. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 32, wherein at least about 60% of the particles are substantially transparent.
34. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 33, wherein at least about 80% of the particles are substantially transparent.
35. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 27, wherein at least some of the transparent particles comprise at least one inert nucleating particle.
36. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 35, wherein the at least one inert particle comprises at least one alumina-silicate compound.
37. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 35, wherein the at least one inert particle comprises at least one color pigment.